



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**Public Call with Chair Catherine E. Lhamon**  
***Are Rights a Reality? Evaluating Federal Civil Rights Enforcement***  
**Thursday, November 21, 2019 | 10:45 am ET**

**WHAT:**

On November 21, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will release: *Are Rights a Reality? Evaluating Federal Civil Rights Enforcement*, a report that examines federal government civil rights enforcement efforts in Fiscal Years 2016 through 2018. The Commission evaluated the key elements for effective civil rights enforcement, whether federal agencies have sufficient resources to fulfill their enforcement responsibilities, and, most importantly, whether the federal government satisfies its obligation to the American people to protect and vindicate their civil rights across issue areas such as education, employment, healthcare, housing, immigration, and access to justice.

The report discusses the civil rights enforcement record of thirteen Departments and agencies: the Departments of Justice; Education; Labor; Health and Human Services; Housing and Urban Development; Homeland Security; Transportation; Veterans Affairs; Agriculture; Treasury; Interior; the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and the Environmental Protection Agency.

In November 2018, the Commission held a full-day [public briefing](#), hearing from current and former senior federal government officials, academic and legal experts, advocates, and members of the public. We invite you to view the morning and afternoon panel [sessions](#) and the [public comment](#) session, and the briefing [transcript](#).

*Are Rights a Reality?*, based on expert and public input, and research and analysis, will offer actionable recommendations to the President, Congress, and numerous federal agencies. The report will be available on our [website](#) on the day of the conference call.

**WHO:**

[Catherine E. Lhamon](#), Chair, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

**WHEN:**

Thursday, November 21, 2019 | 10:45 am ET

**WHERE:**

Public teleconference: Dial-in: 800-353-6461 | Call ID: 9391082  
*Callers will have the opportunity to ask questions about the report*  
Participants are encouraged to RSVP to [publicaffairs@usccr.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@usccr.gov)

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*The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is the only independent, bipartisan agency charged with advising the President and Congress on civil rights and reporting annually on federal civil rights enforcement. The Commission: in our 7th decade, a continuing legacy of influence in civil rights.*